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# and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Livestock marketings were moderate throughout most of the midwest due to bad weather conditions, however, hog receipts were rather large Friday when clear weather prevailed. Slaughter steers and heifers sold steady to 50¢ higher for the week over most of the area with bulk sales at Chicago 25-75¢ up. Hog prices advanced through Thursday but the fairly liberal receipts Friday sold sharply lower to leave closing sales steady to 25¢ higher for the week over a large part of the Corn Belt. Prices on slaughter lambs were strong to 50¢ higher, instances \$1.00 up.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Weather and road conditions continued as major factors in the livestock trade throughout the nation's midsection. Muddy roads retarded farm to market shipments early in the period and midweek supplies were reduced by heavy snow and blocked roads. As a result, the week's supply of cattle at the 12 markets were only slightly larger than the previous week when they were the smallest since last June, Holiday weeks excluded. Comparatively small supplies, coupled with steady to \$1.00 higher wholesale beef prices made for further upturns in cattle prices. However, the steer and heifer price advance was tempered by the fact that the percentage of such cattle in receipts increased and the percentage of cows decreased for the second week. Oklahoma City reported the largest fed cattle supply of the winter and the steer supply of about 326 loads in Kansas City was one of the largest in three years. Good and Choice grades continued to form bulk of the steer and heifer supply although the 14 percent Prime steers in Chicago was highest since the last week in December, 1958. At most markets steers and heifers steady to 50¢ higher but Standard and Good heifers sold 25-50¢ lower in Sloux City. Most steers and heifers closed 25-75¢ higher in Chicago where the steer average price of \$26.36 was highest for any week in three months. Cows trended higher at virtually all points with most sales 25-75¢ higher. Bulls were mostly steady. Vealers sold steady to \$1.00 higher in St. Louis National Stock Yards but were steady to \$1.00 lower in So. St. Paul.

Load Prime 1275# slaughter steers in Chicago \$29.75, highest since last September. At
some other markets, a few Prime steers reached
\$28.00-28.50 while high-Choice sold up to \$28.00
in a limited way. Around 20 loads Prime 11001400# steers in Chicago \$29.00-29.25 where the
same grade 1425-1500# offerings sold \$27.2528.00 and load Prime 1779# steers \$26.00. Most
Choice steers in Chicago \$25.50-27.75, Good
\$23.00-26.50. Elsewhere, bulk Choice steers
\$24.00-27.00, most Good \$22.50-25.50.

High-Choice and Prime heifers at Chicago realized \$27.25-28.00; Good and Choice \$22.00-27.50 with most Choice \$25.25-27.50. Elsewhere high-Choice and Prime heifers brought \$26.50-27.25; most Choice \$25.00-26.50; Good and low-Choice \$21.50-25.50. Utility and Commercial cows bulked at \$14.50-17.00, Canners and Cutters \$12.50-15.50.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES -Stocker and feeder steer and calf shipments from the 10 markets totaled 22,001 compared to 26,355 the previous week and 21,456 a year earlier. Medium to low-Choice offerings continued to predominate in supplies with a large share grading Good. Much of the midwest was plagued with muddy fields and feedlots and then toward midweek a large part of the area was hit by a snow storm. Such conditions could not be considered favorable for starting a new crop of cattle on feed or for running calves and yearlings in fields. Even so, demand proved fully adequate to absorb the number marketed and trading was fairly active with prices steady to 50¢ higher. Most aggressive demand centered on well-bred stock cattle that could be readied for the start of a new grazing season. A fairly dependable demand also existed for feeder steers 900# down. However, outlet continued relatively narrow for feeders over 1000#.

Choice 593# stock steers brought \$28.75, 580# \$29.50, and a few Choice 500-550# short yearlings reached \$30.50. Bulk Good and Choice yearling stock steers sold from \$24.00-27.50, Medium and low-Good \$21.00-24.50. Scattered sales Choice 750-850# feeder steers were made from \$25.50-26.50: majority Good and Choice steers 800# up \$22.00-25.00. Medium feeders sold from \$19.50-21.50. Good and Choice yearling heifers bulked \$22.00-25.00, Choice 522# short yearlings \$26.50. A few Choice stock steer calves brought \$32.00-33.75, latter price for 391# offerings. Other Good and Choice steer calves bulked \$26.00-31.50, same grades of heifer calves \$23.00-28.25. Very few stock cows were marketed but a few Medium and Good cows sold from \$15.00-17.00.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - Receipts at the 12 markets were 5 percent less than in the previous week and 2 percent less than the same week a year ago. The supply consisted predominantly of mixed U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 200-250# barrows and gilts. Sows made up between 4-9 percent at the various markets. Severe weather conditions in much

of the Corn Belt area that created unfavorable hauling conditions during the middle part of the week interfered with the normal marketing pattern. Supplies were below normal through Thursday but with road conditions improving receipts were liberal on Friday. Prices also were influenced by the supply, working progressively higher through Thursday but declining sharply on Friday.

Compared with the previous week's close: Prices on barrows and gilts are largely steady to 25¢ higher, instances 50¢ up except steady to weak at Indianapolis and steady to 50¢ lower at St. Joseph. Sows sold steady to 75¢ higher.

Mixed U. S. No. 1-3, 180-250# barrows and gilts closed from \$13.00-14.25, largely \$13.25-13.75. Selected lots of No. 1 and No. 1 and 2, largely sorted for grade and weight uniformity brought \$13.50-14.60, these usually averaging 190-230#. Mixed No. 1-3, 270-550# sows bulked late at \$10.75-12.50.

Feeder pigs sold steady at So. St. Paul but 50¢ higher at Sioux City. Good and Choice 100-160# feeder pigs at So. St. Paul closed at \$11.00-11.50; Medium and Good 130-160# at Sioux City \$10.50-11.50.

HOGS - Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota Area - Receipts were approximately 6 percent less than the previous week and the corresponding period last year. Heavy snowfall in the southern half of the area, with considerable drifting, cut supplies sharply at midweek and caused rather abrupt price variations. Early price declines were more than recovered on small receipts at midweek, but these advances were erased by the end of the week. Closing prices compared with Friday the previous week were mainly steady to firm on butchers. Sows under 400# closed steady to 25¢ lower with heavier sows mostly steady. U.S. No. 1-3 200-240# butchers including some 190-200# weights sold late at \$12.45-13.25 with a moderate showing of No. 1 and 2 selected lots at \$13.25-13.50 and a few high-yielding lots up to \$14.00. Mixed No. 1-3 270-400# sows brought \$10.75-12.00 and a few to \$12.25, while 400-550# sows ranged \$8.85-11.15.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Supplies at the 12 markets were 19 percent less than a week earlier and 20 percent under a year ago. Heavy snowfall over a large share of the Corn Belt was a major factor hampering movement. The reduced marketings found good outlet which was stimulated by price strength for dressed lamb at wholesale centers. Consequently, prices on slaughter lambs were strong to 50¢ higher, instances \$1.00 up. Slaughter ewes and feeder lambs sold steady to 50¢ higher, instances \$1.00 higher on ewes.

Good and Choice 90-115# wooled slaughter lambs closed from \$19.50-20.50. Some 115-125# Good lambs brought \$18.00-19.00. Consignments mostly Choice 90-114# wooled lambs brought

\$20.00-21.00, and a short load Good and Choice 90# lambs reached \$21.75 at Chicago. Good and Choice 84-110# lambs with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts \$18.50-19.50, lots mainly Choice \$19.00-20.00 and to \$20.50 at Chicago. At Fort Worth, Good and Choice 100-122# slaughter yearlings with No. 1, 2 and 3 pelts brought \$14.00-15.00. Cull to Choice ewes ranged from \$3.00-6.50 with some sales up to \$8.00. Most Good and Choice 60-83# feeder lambs sold from \$18.50-20.00 and to \$20.25 at So. St. Paul for Choice; Medium and Good feeders \$16.00-18.50.

Some price strength on slaughter lambs was recorded on all sessions in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area and for the week sales were fully 50¢ higher. Slaughter ewes were steady. Estimated Interior receipts were around 17 percent less than the previous week and slightly under a year ago. Wooled slaughter lambs comprised bulk of the run. Around 20 percent of the week's supply was received from outside the area. On late rounds, Good and Choice 90-110# wooled slaughter lambs delivered to packing plants sold from \$19.00-20.00, including mainly Choice lambs at \$19.50-20.00. Choice wooled lambs reached \$20.50 in parts of Southern Minnesota. Some Good and Choice 110-120# wooled lambs brought \$18.00-19.50. most sales \$18.50 up. Good and Choice 90-105# shorn lambs with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts realized \$18.00-18.50, Choice \$18.50-19.00. Cull to Choice wooled ewes brought \$2.00-5.00.

#### RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND UTAH -Direct sales on slaughter steers and heifers steady to 50¢ lower, other slaughter classes fully steady; stockers and feeders steady to \$1.00 higher; slaughter lambs steady to \$1.00 higher. Slaughter steers: 143 loads high-Good to mostly Choice 900-1125# \$26.00-27.00; 159 loads high-Good and Choice 850-1200# \$24.75-26.00; 25 loads high-Good to mostly Choice 1150-1350# \$24.25-25.50: 9 loads Good 800-1000# \$24.00-24.50: 26 loads Standard and Good 850-1100# \$22.00-23.75. Two loads Choice 1000-1050# \$43.50 on dressed basis. Slaughter heifers: loads Good and Choice 750-1000# unevenly \$24.00-26.00 but liberal share \$25.00-25.50; 2 loads Good 1000# in Utah \$23.00; 4 loads Choice 875-950# in California \$42.50 on dressed basis.

Stockers and feeders: 850 head Good and Choice 610-875# steers \$23.25-25.00; Good and Choice 500-712# heifers \$22.50-25.00; Good and Choice 350-450# stock calves, steers \$27.00-29.00, heifers \$25.00-27.00.

Slaughter lambs: California - 6 loads Good and Choice 90-115# shorn lambs with No. 1 pelts \$21.00; 32 loads Good and Choice 105-118# with No. 1 and some No. 2 pelts \$20.00-20.50. Utah - 5 loads Good to mostly Choice 105-113# wooled slaughter lambs \$19.00-20.00.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN NEBRASKA, AND WESTERN KANSAS - Trading on fed cattle direct at feedlots in Colorado was very active. Fed steers sold steady, heifers steady to 35¢ higher, mostly steady to strong. Fourteen loads 1100-1164# average-Choice fed steers \$26.00-26.60; 67 loads 1100-1320# low to average-Choice \$24.50-25.75, most 1100-1225# at \$25.25-25.75; 4 loads 1160-1300# average-Good to low-Choice \$22.75-24.25. Fifty-nine loads 800-1000# average to high-Choice fed heifers \$26.00-26.25; 100 loads 788-1000# low to average-Choice \$25.25-26.00, late sales mostly \$25.65-26.00; load average-Choice to Prime 1150# \$25.35; 11 loads high-Good to low-Choice 900-1035# \$23.00-25.00; 3 loads 1025# Utility cows \$15.00.

Demand for stocker and feeder cattle and calves very good, most sales and contracts confirmed this week at strong prices. Western Kansas - 8 loads Good and Choice 781-843# feeder steers \$22.50-24.75; 8 loads same grades weighing 560-578# \$25.25-25.40; 250 Medium to Good 1000# steers \$17.50. Over 900 Good and Choice 530-600# feeder heifers \$25.00-25.50, part for early March delivery; 9 loads Good and Choice mostly Good 707-732# heifers \$22.00-22.85. Around 375 Good and Choice 375-425# heifer calves \$25.00-27.00, mid-March to mid-April delivery. Colorado - Load Good and Choice 889# feeder steers \$22.50. Eight loads Good and Choice 625-665# feeder heifers \$24.25-25.00. Southeastern Wyoming - 200 Good and Choice 420-440# heifer calves \$28.50.

Fed lambs sold steady to 25¢ higher. In Northern Colorado 37 loads mostly Choice 99-113# wooled slaughter lambs \$19.75-20.25, including 5 loads going to East Coast packers. Around 40,000# 1/4-1/2 blood lambs wool brought 45-46¢ per pound grease basis. Western Slope of Colorado - 2 loads Good to mostly Choice 106-107# wooled lambs to California packer at \$20.50.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Direct trade all classes cattle and calves very slow, limited sales fully steady. Three loads low-Choice 988# fed steers \$24.25; 6 loads Good 973-1112# \$23.00-24.00; 8 loads Good 750-775# fed heifers \$23.00-23.50. Around 550 Good and Choice 575-800# stocker and feeder steers \$23.00-25.50; 500 Good to mostly Choice 375# stock steer

calves \$29.00. About 6,000 Good and Choice 104-118# wooled slaughter lambs \$18.00-18.50, near 17,000 same grades 98-114# shorn lambs with No. 1 pelts \$17.00-17.50; 1,200 Good and Choice 79-88# wooled feeder lambs \$18.00-18.50 and 1,000 Good and Choice shorn feeders \$17.00-17.50. Recent sale of wool: 200,000# fall lamb wool 45¢ per pound, grease basis.

Amarillo Area - Direct trade slaughter steers and heifers steady to 25¢ higher on confirmed sales 58 loads steers, 29 loads heifers. Some 8,400 stockers and feeders sold strong. Good and Choice 1050-1250# fed steers \$24.00-24.75; 7 loads Standard to mostly Good 1000# \$22.00; Good and Choice 950-1050# fed heifers \$24.00-25.25. Good and Choice 525-700# stocker and feeder steers \$23.50-28.00; same grades 500-700# heifers \$22.00-26.00; Good and Choice 325-380# stock steer calves \$28.00-31.50, few heifers \$26.00-27.00.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Slaughter steers slow, steady to mostly 50¢ lower; few sales on fed heifers steady; limited volume stockers and feeders fully steady to strong; slaughter lambs steady to 50¢ higher. Low to average-Choice 955-1200# fed steers \$25.50-26.50 in Washington, including lots for delivery up to May 1; Good to low-Choice 1070-1150# \$25.00-25.75. In Idaho, Choice 1125-1330# steers \$23.50-24.00 and a few Choice 1075# \$25.00. Good and Choice 850-1060# fed heifers in the two states \$23.00-24.00.

Washington - Good 1100# stock cows \$225.00 per head with some Medium and Good \$175.00 each. In Idaho, Good and Choice 800-900# feeder steers \$23.00-23.50; same grades of stock calves, heifers \$23.50, steers \$25.50. Oregon - Medium and Good 1050-1200# stock cows \$165.00-205.00 each.

High-Good to mostly Choice wooled slaughter lambs in Washington \$19.25; Good coming 2 year-old blackface ewes \$27.00 per head. Idaho - Good to mostly Choice 103-108# wooled slaughter lambs \$20.50-20.75 with 119# weights \$19.00. Oregon - Choice 104-105# wooled slaughter lambs \$20.00; No. 1 and 2 pelt offerings \$19.00.

MONTANA, NORTHERN WYOMING AND WESTERN DAKOTAS - Few sales on feeder steers and stock calves steady; slaughter and shearing lambs active, strong to fully 25¢ higher. In Montana, load Choice 825-850# feeder steers \$24.50; 375 Good and Choice 400-450# stock steer calves \$27.00-29.00.

Eastern Montana and northern Wyoming - 7 loads Good and Choice 104-110# wooled slaughter lambs \$18.40-19.00; 1,550 fall shorn 94-95# Good and Choice feeder lambs \$16.75; 4,400 Good and Choice 2-3 year old wooled whiteface bred ewes for up to May 1 delivery \$24.00-25.00 per head.

#### WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

WEEKLY RECE	IPTS OF SALABLE LIV	ESTOCK AT 12 PUBL	LIC MARKETS	
Cat	Cle Ca	lves :	Hogs :	Sheep and lambs Feb. 13: Feb. 14
4 7000	1959 : 1960			
40.400	10.000	704	244 -45	
Chicago	2,867 459	575 14.	164 13,859	515 677
Denver 8,922	9,652 423	521 5,	776 2,567	20,306 29,620
Fort Worth 5,828	<b>4,551 1,83</b> 9	1,200 2,	398 2,203	8,187 13,508
Indianapolis 6,805	6,566 397	436 38,	294 44,202	2,096 2,656
Kansas City 20,015	14,425 358	742 19,	911 14,723	3,599 5,749
Omaha	34.993 312	548 40	936 47 621	11.224 13.719
St. Joseph	11.416 226	478 26.	794 22,576	5.685 7.151
St. Louis NSY 14,042	12,631 1,891	1,830 68,	953 58,579	5,490 4,089
Sioux City 26,257	27,093 816	932 39,	660 42,597	12,272 8,822
S. St. Paul 20,080	18,317 7,865	8,12061,	174 62,377	13,382 10,267
Total 204,317	194,089 15,330	16,329 352,	876 359,256	89,490 111,381
February 6, 1960 199,141	17,840	370,	613	109,984
	INTERIOR TOWN AND 5	OUTHERN MINNESUTA	A.	
	Feb. 13, 1960	Feb. 6, 1960 F	Teb. 14, 1959	
Hogs	359,000	381,000	380,000	
Sheep	359,000 23,100	27,800	24,200	
	EEDER CATTLE: AV			
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	Week ende	d	Month :	
	Feb. 11: Feb. 4	Feb. 12: Jar	Jan.	
	1960 : 1960	<u>: 1959                                  </u>	<u> </u>	
Steers - 1001# up	542 542	1,300	2,621 4,899	
901-1000	1,574 1,490	2,317 8	3,283 10,394	
701-800	3,001 2,918	2 730 20	15,200	
501-700	7 289 7.981	6.423 36	3, 381 36, 672	
Steers - 1001# up				_
Total steers 10 markets · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	15,456 17,750	15,402 82	2,525 83,944	
Av. wts. " " "	722	# 758#	729# 738#	
Av. cost* " " "	\$23.65 \$23.67 21.90 23.06 23.48 23.47	\$26.59 \$2 27.02 2	23.60 \$27.47	
OHICUEO	21.90 23.06	25.90		
" " Omaha	23.48 23.47 23.40 23.45 22.12 21.79	26.77	23.69 27.69	
" " " S. St. Paul	22.12 21.79	25.30	21.70 24.94	
" " " Sioux City ······	24.99 25.07	28.22 2 27.07 2	24.97 29.48	
	24.23 22.99		22.67 26.96	
" " Oklahoma City " " S. St. Joseph	23.68 22.72 23.01 23.23		22.17 26.19 23.12 26.77	
" " St. Louis NSY ·····	23.01 23.23 22.97 23.43		22.59 25.72	
Total calves - 10 markets	6,545 8,605		1,592 59,205	
" heifers " "	2,399 2,111		1,138 14,013	
II cows II II	657 772	707	2,881 4,191	
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* Not adjusted for difference	_			
ESTIMATED PERCENT OF STO	OCKER AND FEEDER CA	TTLE AND SLAUGHTE	ER COWS IN SALAB	LE RECEIPTS
*Kansas	S. St. St. Sioux	S. St. Indian	: Ft. Ok	le.
Week ended : Chicago: City : Omaha	Joseph: Louis: City	Paul apolis	Denver: Worth: Ci	la. San ty Wichita Antonio
	NSY:	::_	::	A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A
	Stockers and	d feeders		
Feb. 12, 1960 2 32 9	10 6 21	5 7		57 28 50
Feb. 5, 1960 3 32 12	14 6 26	5 6		2 40 50
Feb. 13, 1959 2 27 11	$\frac{20}{18}$	5 - 3	8 60 5	2 50 45
	Slaughte	r cows		
Feb. 12, 1960 6 6 7	6 10 6	27 10	20 15	7 13 20
Feb. 5, 1960 6 8 10	6 13 6			8 9 20
Feb. 13, 1959 7 7 8	<u>6 11 5</u>	25 5 1	12 15	8 14 17

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/2/ Percent of total Average weight Average price in Number of head dollars per 100 lb. by grades (pounds) Grade Week ended Feb. 11 : Feb. 12 : Feb. 11: Feb. 12: Feb. 11: Feb. 12 : Feb. 11 : Feb. 12 1960 : 1959 : 1960 : 1959 CHICAGO 1,250 1,188 2,585 9.2 14.1 1,246 4,313 28.28 30.98 Prime..... 1,219 19,790 14,346 64.8 26.56 51.3 28.12 Choice.... 4,976 8,313 16.3 1,096 1,174 29.7 24.85 26.15 Good..... 1,204 2,452 3.9 1,071 8.8 1,034 22.23 Standard..... 25.09 .2 31 122 1,651 1,435 .4 21.11 24.14 Commercial.... 1,074 213 167 .6 954 Utility.... 19.07 22.36 30,527 27,985 1,176 1,194 26.36 27.54 All grades..... 1.0 176 1.1 1,127 204 1,234 27.73 29.30 Prime.... 7,118 6,699 37.9 25.63 39.0 1,190 1,227 26.90 Choice..... 9,922 1,163 Good..... 10,368 55.1 57.8 1,156 23.86 25.50 1,166 1.8 916 4.9 1,056 20.55 23.05 Standard..... 1,077 190 67 1.0 1,085 17.68 21.78 Utility..... 17,181 1,163 1,188 26.05 All grades.... 18,796 24.38 SIOUX CITY 1,217 3.2 377 58 1,219 29.43 27.98 Prime.... 1,166 4,837 38.3 1,157 27.24 Choice.... 5,742 48.4 26.39 1,193 5,158 7,113 56.4 43.5 1,149 24.38 25.44 Good...... 501 1,122 1,094 353 4.0 23.25 3.0 20.46 Standard..... .8 1,062 1,058 223 108 1.9 17.87 22.09 Utility..... 1,153 11,853 12,617 1,178 25.25 26.03 All grades..... KANSAS Prime.... 1,624 49.5 4,326 24.4 1,151 1,161 25.06 26.30 Choice..... 4,224 3,104 Good..... 35.6 63.6 1,115 1,091 23.65 25.35 1,097 11.5 23.73 Standard..... 1,205 13.8 1,065 Commercial.... .5 100 33 990 1,055 18.13 21.58 Utility..... All grades.... ST. LOUIS NSY 3 803 28.00 Prime.... .0 1,655 25,82 Choice.... 554 26.2 12.3 1,048 1,077 27.47 3,480 1,060 Good..... 2,512 55.1 55.8 1,083 24.08 26.03 1,069 1,355 17.0 1,014 1,050 21.24 Standard..... 30.1 24.66 Commercial.... -------108 82 1.8 876 17.89 Utility..... 912 22.22 1,046 4,503 1,069 23.99 All grades.... 6,315 Prime..... 27.07 2,543 30.7 16.8 1,129 1,183 25.30 Choice..... 999 1,110 4,662 1,113 56.2 23.53 25.45 4,057 Good..... 68.2 12.7 1,087 1,057 20.59 23.65 Standard..... 1.053 818 13.7 Utility..... 36 972 981 16.90 21.89 77 1.3 5,951 All grades..... 8,294 1.114 1,113 Prime.... 1,376 51.9 42.8 1,234 1,235 25.13 26.68 1,437 Choice..... 1,164 1,141 24.00 25.77 1,877 1,182 44.5 56.0 Good..... 1,085 39 21.68 96 3.6 1,124 18.30 Standard..... --Utility..... 1,180 2,654 3,353 All grades....

<sup>1/</sup> Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Divisions, A.M.S. 2/ See page 131 for revised January 1960 data for Denver and 7-markets combined.

#### WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

	Catt	le:	Calv	es	Hog	s	Sheep and	Lambs
City or Area								Feb. 14
							1960_:	
Boston. New York City Area	11,942	11,431	8,513	7.380	51,605	45,427	42,750	38,437
Baltimore, Philadelphia		6,805	1,607	614	29,097	30,681	4,292	3,085
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls	* _	16,365	3,601	4,557	145,928	138,012	14,018	14,624
Chicago Area		20,802	5,970	7.307	32,415	51,244	5,259	4,651
St. Paul-Wisc. Areas		24,510	19,975	21,362	127,595	122,489	15,998	14,928
St. Louis Area		9,646	1,348	1,501	84,408	88,543	5,209	4,822
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area		18,574	-		105,030	97,908	16,436	18,477
Omaha Area	70 007	31,771	66	162	78,704	88,237	16,029	16,426
Kansas City		10,271		***	44,599	33,551		
Iowa - So. Minnesota		26,405	9,079	8,112	285,786	316,878	30,302	28,594
Lou'l.Evan'l.Nash'l.Mph's		6,377	3,414	3,287	66,426	64,442		
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area	6,279	5,912	2,705	2,254	33,005	29,593		
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City.		16,386	1,064	1,327	49,241	<b>37,94</b> 3	8,305	8,113
Ft.Worth. Dallas. San Antonio	8,487	8,758	3,625	4,615	17,228	21,183	12,487	11,972
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City	19,153	16,063	255	431	20,126	14,644	29,182	36,588
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas.		20,564	1,061	2,583	28,808	26,374	29,269	<b>28,</b> 0 <b>3</b> 3
Portland, Seattle, Spokane	6,874	6,301	247	196	18,678	17,569	4,117	3 <b>,67</b> 6
Total	288,549	256,941	62,530	65.688	1218,679	1224,718	233,653	232,426
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Accumulation to date			424,452	40E 0E6	5,049,604	7 440 240	1,596,651	7 577 724
		,671,223		423,930		7,440,640		1,577,124

#### ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Be Num-	eef	Ve : Num-	eal	:(excl.	ork lard) Prod	and M	utton	Total meat	Total lard
	: ber	Prod.	: ber	Prod.	: ber	Prod	: ber	Prod.	prod.	prod.
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
Feb. 13, 1960	<b>3</b> 50		90	10.1		185.9	255	13.0	420.4	
Feb. 6, 1960	350		95	10.6	1,425		275		428.5	40.0
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<sup>1/</sup> Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

	In	dollars per 100	•		
	Chicago	Kansas City	Omaha	Denver	North Portland
Classification	Feb. Feb. 13 14 1960 1959	Feb. Feb. 13 14 1960 1959	Feb. Feb. 13 14 1960 1959	Feb. Feb. 13 14 1960 1959	Feb. Feb. 13 14 1960 1959
	Slaughte	r cattle, calves	and vealers		
Steers - Prime 900-1100# 1100-1300 Choice 900-1100 1100-1300 Good 900-1100	28.40 30.92 28.40 31.15 27.22 28.88 26.82 28.38 24.85 26.42	26.18 27.72 26.05 27.35 23.80 25.62	28.00 29.98 27.85 29.75 26.62 28.18 26.12 27.82 23.70 25.58	25.98 26.98 25.52 27.03 22.44 24.55	26.38 27.62 25.50 27.50 24.88 26.62
Standard - All wts.	21.92 24.50	20.95 22.95	20.12 23.40	18.95 21.85	22.25 25.38
Heifers - Choice* 700-900# Good** 600-800 Standard - All wts.	26.48 28.20 25.90 20.52 23.25	25.48 27.92 22.90 25.52 19.88 23.00	26.48 27.50 23.55 24.82 19.75 22.40	25.62 26.80 22.50 24.78 19.00 22.10	24.50 23.00 25.88 20.75 24.38
Cows - All weights - Commercial Utility Cutter Canner	15.70 20.25 15.32 19.00 14.88) 13.60) 17.52	16.30 19.88 14.92 18.62 14.60) 13.52) 16.10	15.90 19.75 15.05 18.50 13.92) 13.22) 16.75	17.25 20.75 15.88 19.50 14.25) 13.12) 17.00	20.25 15.44 18.25 12.62) 10.44) 15.50
Bulls - All weights - Commercial Utility	21.20 25.08 20.20 23.32	19.00 22.82 18.75 22.00	19.25 22.62 18.75 21.25	22.50 19.50 23.00	20.75 22.75 21.25 24.25
Calves - 500# down - Choice Good Standard		24.75 29.50 23.25 27.50 20.25 26.00			25.50 27.25 22.50 25.00
Vealers - All wts Choice Good Standard	30.50 29.00 35.50 25.40 30.50	28.85 34.50 25.75 31.50 22.00 28.00	25.50 31.00 23.75 28.50 20.75 26.00		31.50 34.00 29.00 31.00 25.00 26.50
	Feeder	and stocker cat	tle and calves		
Steers - Choice 500-800# Good 500-800 Medium 500-1000	25.25 28.00	26.62 30.50 24.50 27.50 20.75 24.75	24.25 26.75	24.00 27.50	24.50 28.50 23.50 26.50 20.00 23.25
Heifers - Choice 500-750# Med. & Gd. 500-750				23.50 26.75 21.25 24.75	
Cows - All wts Med. & Gd.		16.00 19.25	13.75 20.00	19.25	15.00
Calves - 300-500# - Steers - Good & Choice		28.45 33.50	30.00 36.00	<b>30.</b> 00 <b>37.</b> 5 <b>0</b>	<u>l</u> / 26.25 31.00
Heifers - Good & Choice		26.00 30.50	27.00 33.00	27.25 34.00	24.75 28.50
*Weight range 600-800		1/ Correcti	on: Week Feb.	6 should be \$26	.25.

HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

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HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

We	ek end	ded	Chi- cago	St. Louis Natl. Stock Yards	Kan- sas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	8- mkts. com- bined
AVERAG	E COS	ST -	• • • • • • • •	Do	llars per	100 pou	nds				
Barrows	Feb.	13,1960	13.51	13.50	13.48	13.57	13.54	13.60	13.31	13.70	13.51
and	Feb.	6,1960	13.11	13.12	13.24	12.99	12.97	13.17	12.81	13.39	13.06
gilts	Feb.	14,1959	15.88	16.04	16.13	15.85	<b>1</b> 5.76	16.02	15.66	15.95	15.88
	Feb.	13,1960	11.29	11.64	11.53	11.73	11.65	11.76	11.31	11.19	11.50
Sows	Feb.	,	10.90	11.27	11.18	11.13	11.21	11.37	11.14	10.91	11.11
		14,1959	13.84	13.77	13.98	13.68	13.69	13.98	13.55	13.56	13,72
AVERAG						unds					
Barrows		13,1960	232	215	227	237	240	221	228	222	227
and	Feb.	6,1960	234	216	229	241	242	224	229	224	230
gilts		14,1959	240	223	225	245	249	230	233	222	234.
Causa	Feb.	13,1960 6,1960	450 454	406 400	442 419	438 434	442 439	392 379	423 421	424 441	426 4 <b>2</b> 8
Sows		14,1959	447	423	439	434	443	404	419	446	432
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Barrows		13,1960	24282	59038	18479	35280	35635	23720	51203	34133	281770
and	Feb.	6,1960	34095	58164	14465	46983	37965	21638	51181	32674	297165
gilts	Feb.	14,1959	37990	51238	13670	41409	38204	19327	51776	40335	293949
C		13,1960	2410	4232	681	2852	2067	1034	2798	2416	18490
Sows	Feb.	6,1960	3711	4033	844	4798	2725	1161	2713	2821	22806
001110	reb.	14,1959	2904	3542	696	3554	2213	1082	3312	2033	19336
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		13,1960	9	7	4	7	5	4	5	7	6
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1/ Weighted average.

WEEKLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/	
Feb. 13, 1960	\$15.73	\$13.94	\$1.79	
Feb. 6, 1960	15.47	13.56	1.91	
Feb. 14. 1959	18.34	16.49	1.85	

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn, 1/ No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Feb. 13, 1960	13.51	113.4	11.9
Feb. 6, 1960	13.11	113.8	11.5
Feb. 14, 1959	15.88	116.9	13.6

1/ Simple average price.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Class	 ificat		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Port- land
SIAUGHTER LAI Choice	Feb.	(Wooled) 13, 1960 14, 1959	- All wts. 21.02 19.62	20.35 18.92	20.25 18.50	18.30 17.75	20.10	19.25 18.75	19.62 17.75*
Good		13, 1960 14, 1959	20.22 18.88	19.82 18.12	19.12 17.75	17.90 17.38	19.45 18.25	18.50 18.00	19.00 17.16*
EWES: (Woold Good and Choice	Feb.	All wts. 13, 1960 14, 1959	7.25 6.75	5.88 8.12	6.50 6.75		6.40 8.25	5.75 7.00	6.25 8.25
Cull and Utility		13, 1960 14, 1959	6.38 6.50	4.25 6.25	5.25 5.00	7.25*	4.78 6.25	4.00 4.50	4.50 5.50
FEEDER LAMBS Good and Choice * Shor	Feb.	13, 1960 14, 1959		19.25 19.75		17.00 17.50	19.18 19.25		17.59 16.50
	<u>:</u>	STEERS	SOLD OUT	Percent	ANDS FOR SI		(REVISED)	Average	
Grade	:	Number	of head	,	rades	Average (pou		dollars pe	
Grade	: : 		7 markets	Denver	d - Month o :7 markets: :combined :	Danzien	1960 7 markets combined	Denver	7 markets
Prime Choice Good Standard Commercial Utility All grades	• • • • •	5,400 4,754 223 55 10,432	14,889 168,973 128,804 20,627 277 2,746 336,316	51.8 45.6 2.1	4.4 50.3 38.3 6.1 .1	1,224 1,164 1,122 1,004 1,193	1,242 1,178 1,130 1,064 1,540 1,032 1,154	25.36 24.10 19.02 17.60 24.64	27.98 25.95 23.91 21.21 21.67 18.23 24.95
		UNITED		ARY 1960 -	SPECTED SLI with compa and head)		REGIONS		

Region	Catt	le	Cal	ves	Hog	S	Sheep	& lambs
	<u> 1960</u>	<u> 1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u> </u>	<u> 1960</u> :	1959	<u> </u>	: 1959
N. Atlantic States	121	117	90	80	531	505	210	199
S. Atlantic States	40	35	24	<b>3</b> 0	337	274	1/	<u>1</u> / 129
N.C. States - Eastern	278	285	154	164	1,484	1,362	131	129
N.C. States - N.Western	519	476	64	67	2,654	2,497	424	465
N.C. States - S.Western	165	130	10	9	655	510	88	98
S. Central States	136	127	47	49	496	433	68	79
Mountain States	108	102	2	2	120	95	147	174
Pacific States	197	169	22	23	241	209	170	178
Total	1,564	1,441	413	424	6,516	5,885	1,237	1,322

Other animals slaughtered under Federal inspection, (number of head): January 1960 - Horses 4,948; Goats 3,360; January 1959, horses 6,246; Goats 10,030.

Data furnished by Agricultural Research Service.

#### WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

#### IESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

EASTERN SEABOARD - Demand was moderately broad for virtually all fresh meats with trading fairly active on most sessions. Receipts were slightly curtailed in wholesale channels. However, strike conditions which closed major chain stores in the Washington Area and partially affected Baltimore retail outlets. created some disturbance late in the week, due to rerouting of product to other points. Good clearance prevailed at markets in strike-bound sections under broad buyer activity on closing sessions, mainly provided by independent retail outlets. A late buying flurry at Philadelphia, mostly a fill-in trade, was instrumental in averting a carryover of beef and pork. Sales units at New York, mainly houses located in suburban districts, were well stocked with steer beef, which will be carried for the coming week's business. At the same time, it was disclosed that meat inventories at most chain store warehouses located on the Eastern Seaboard were near maximum. Diversion of some cars enroute, to Washington and Baltimore, was expected to extend into early next week, barring an end of strike conditions.

Compared with previous week: Steer beef steady to strong at Washington and New York. and strong to \$1.00 higher at Philadelphia. while the undertone at Baltimore was steady to weak for both steer and cow beef. Cow carcass prices were fully 50¢ lower at other markets. Veal and calf prices were mostly unchanged, some sales at Philadelphia \$1.00 lower, while weakness permeated the general price structure for both veal and calf at New York, due in part to generally poor selection. Lamb prices were mostly steady at Baltimore and Washington and fully \$1.00 higher at Philadelphia. At the close prices at New York were steady to \$1.50 higher, bulk 50¢-\$1.00 up. Most of the advance came late in the week. Pork loins closed steady to \$2.00 higher, with some advance at all markets except New York. Other pork cuts were steady to \$3.00 higher for the week, pork butts holding the strongest price position in the week's trade.

CHICAGO - Trading on steer and heifer beef moderately active with better demand for 700-900# steer carcasses than there has been since the first of the year. Cow beef advanced \$1.00-2.00, Utility at the full upturn. Outlets were fairly broad for beef hindquarters, arm and squarecut chucks and rounds. Ribs on the other hand were slow, weights over 30# hardest to move. Veal trade again was dull but in most instances dealers were able to sell small supplies at steady prices. Trading on lamb carcasses and hindsaddles was moderately active while foresaddles were slow but lower

prices stimulated movement somewhat late in the week. Spareribs were slow but trade on other fresh pork cuts was fairly active with loins selling higher than at any time since November 24, 1959. Beef, lamb and fresh pork supplies were only moderate. Beef largely Good to average-Choice grades with an increased showing of carcasses under 700#.

Compared to the previous Friday: Steer and heifer beef steady to \$1.00 higher; cow beef \$1.00-2.00 up; veal and lamb unchanged; pork loins 8-16# \$1.50-2.50 higher; Boston butts 50¢-\$2.00 higher; spareribs steady.

PACIFIC COAST - Choice steer beef under 600# was again limited at Los Angeles but about adequate while supplies of other steer beef was liberal for a rather slow trade and clearance was incomplete. Volume of cow beef was moderate but about adequate while calf was in rather limited supply. Lamb production was limited but offerings were ample while fresh pork loins were in small supply, storms in the midwest was a contributing factor in limiting incoming shipments. Volume of other fresh and cured pork was liberal and more than adequate for a slow movement.

Prices compared with a week ago: Steer beef steady to \$1.00 lower; cow beef steady at San Francisco and \$1.00-2.00 higher elsewhere on the West Coast; lamb steady to \$3.00 higher, the advance in California; fresh pork loins strong to \$4.00 up; other fresh pork steady to \$2.00 higher; smoked meats and lard mostly steady, instances on sliced bacon \$1.00 higher at Los Angeles.

#### CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

Prices advanced on carlots of beef and lamb although trading was only moderately active and outlet was rather limited in instances. The advances were prompted by upturns in the livestock trade.

Steer beef closed 50¢-\$1.00 higher for the week at New York, Denver and Philadelphia with sales steady to 50¢ higher at Chicago and strong to 50¢ higher, instances \$1.00 up at Omaha. Heifer beef sold steady to 50¢ higher at Chicago, and mostly 50¢ up at Denver and Omaha. Some Good heifer beef advanced \$1.00 at Omaha.

Lamb carcass prices were rather uneven. Sales were steady at Denver and Chicago, steady to 50¢ higher at Philadelphia, and strong to 50¢ up at Omaha where supplies were small. At New York, lamb carcasses were steady to \$1.00 higher with the bulk 50¢ up.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

		:	New	You	rk	Chic	ago	San Fran	ncisco	Los Ar	ngeles
Class	sification	:	Feb.	:	Feb. :	Feb.:	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.
		:	13	:	14 :	13 :					14
		_ :	1960	_ <b>:</b> _	1959 :	1960:	1959	: 1960:	1959	1960	1959
Steer beef -											
Prime	700-800#		48.00		51.00		-				
Choice	600-700		45.75		48.75	45.00	46.70	43.75	45.62	43.00	45.25
	700-800		43.75		46.75	43.25	44.50	41.50		41.00	43.25
Good	400-500				-	42.12	43.56	44.50			-
	500-600		42.75		45.00	41.38	43.56	43.50		42.00	44.75
	600-700		43.25		45.50		43.56	41.50		40.00	42.75
Standard	500–600					39.00	42.62	41.00	44.50	40.00	43.00
Heifer beef .	•										
Choice	500-600#				-	44.38		42.50		42.75	
	600-700				-	43.88		41.50		41.00	
Good	500-600				***	40.38				41.00	
Veal -											
Prime	90-120#		64.50		66.00	58.50	61.00				
Choice	90-120		53.50		59.00	53.50	56.00				
Good	90-120		47.50		55.00	50.00	53.50	55.00	60.00		
Lamb -											
Prime	45-55#		42,80		43.00		41.25			42,00	41.00
Choice	45-55		40.20		41.25	40.50	40.19	42.75	40,50	42.00	41.00
Good	35 <sub>7</sub> -65		38.20		39.00	38.25	35.88	39.50	40.50	39.25	37.50
Fresh pork -											
Loins	8-12#		39.00		43.20	37 19	40.35	42,00	46 00	39.88	42.62
Loins	12-16		37.50		42.20	36.19	39.20	39.00		39.88	42.62
Butts	4-8		33.30		36.50	29.19	32.80		42.00	34.50	36.00
Cured pork -	1-0		30.00		00,00	~5.10	000	01,00	12,000	01,00	00.00
	skd (Cook										
	ting) 12-16#		40.00		49.80	46.75	50.69	50.00	56.00	45.00	50.88
	ked, sliced -		40.00			200.0					
	(box lots)		36.50		45.40	42.75	50.19	41.00	51.00	43.00	50.00
	noked - (Cook		20,30		·						
	ting) 4-8#		30.50		33.30	32.75	36.06	30.00	33.50	30.00	35.50
Lard, 1# cart			12.25		14.25	11.50	13.75	15.50	18.50	13.75	15.25
Note: Prices	at New York ex	clud	le loca	 11y	dressed	fresh m	eats.	Variation	in pri	ces in sor	ne cured

Note: Prices at New York exclude locally dressed fresh meats. Variation in prices in some cured pork cuts between Chicago and New York due in part to differences in processing and packaging.

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 12, 1960 Classification : Chicago : Denver : Omaha : New York : Philadelphia Steer beef - 

 600-700#
 43.50-44.00
 42.00-43.50
 43.00-43.25
 45.00-46.00
 45.50-46.00

 700-800
 42.00-42.50
 41.00-41.50
 41.25-41.75
 43.50-44.50
 44.00-45.00

 800-900
 40.00-40.50
 39.00-39.50
 39.25-39.75
 42.00-42.50
 42.00-42.50

 500-600
 40.00-40.50
 41.75-42.50

 600-700
 40.00-40.50
 38.50-41.00
 38.75-39.75
 41.50-42.50
 39.50-42.00

 700-800
 39.50-40.00
 38.50-39.50
 38.25-38.75
 41.00-42.00
 39.00-41.50

 Choice Good Heifer beef -Choice 500-600# 43.00-43.50 42.25-43.00 42.00-42.50 600-700 42.00-43.00 41.25-41.50 41.50-42.00 500-600 38.50-39.00 -- 37.50-38.50 600-700 38.50-39.00 -- 37.50-38.00 43.00-45.00 39.00-41.00 Lamb -35-45# 40.50-41.00 37.50 -- 41.50-43.00 45-55 38.00-39.00 35.00-36.50 36.25-37.25 38.00-41.00 Choice 41.50-43.00 41.50-42.00 39.00-41.50 55-65 36.00-37.00 33.50-35.00 35.25-35.50 37.00-39.50 38.00-39.00

#### **BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW**

Trading in the Boston wool market was extremely quiet. Domestic worsted wool prices were weak with little activity. Woolen wools were somewhat more active than worsteds but prices were easier.

Australian prices opened easier on Monday, but by midweek were uneven. Cabled reports from Sydney, Melbourne and Perth indicated prices little changed. Buying interest largely from the Continent and China.

South African prices steady to  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  lower. No sales this week in New Zealand but offerings are somewhat lower. South American markets were quiet.

Fleece Wools - Very little activity apparent in fleece wools. A large weight of spot 1/4 blood brought \$1.03½ clean for May-June delivery. A car of Ohio graded 3/8 and 1/4 (65% 1/4 blood and 35% 3/8 blood) sold near \$1.05 clean delivered. Country buyers continued paying last week's prices for grease wool in Ohio and Indiana, 48-50¢ in Ohio and 45-50¢ in Indiana.

Territory Wools - Activity in territory wools extremely limited. A graded 64s, about 2½" average length, sold near \$1.20 clean, landed. Contracting of wool on the sheep's back practically nil. Mills and dealers have been reluctant to make forward commitments on a declining market. Country dealers largely holding firm on offerings of 1959 wools.

Texas Wools - Movement of Texas wools very slow. Average to good yearling 64/70s selling around \$1.25 clean. Few odd lots of 8-months and clippings selling at steady to lower prices.

Mohair - Action in mohair continued very slow this week. It is estimated that about 1/2 the fall clip is still in dealers' hands. Prices were steady to weak. No foreign interest present in recent weeks. Shearing has started in some sections and should be well under way by next week.

Foreign Wools - Cabled reports at week's end indicate some firmness following the downward opening. Quotations follow: Combing wools converted to U. S. Oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields in bond.

#### SOUTH AFRICA

	POOTE	AFILLOM	
Oil-c	combed		ed yields
7 -	\$1.11	22 -	\$1.01
8 -	1.10	27 -	1.00
47 -	1.09	32 -	•95
48 -	1.07		
52 -	1.06		

		ALIA	NEW ZEALAND										
01	l-c	ombed	Oil-com	ped									
61	-	\$1.21	93 - \$.	.92									
62	-	1.17	834 -	.91									
<b>7</b> 8	-	1.16	100 -	.89									
78A	-	1.11	107 -	.88									
79	_	1.07	114 -	.87									
80	-	1.06	128	.86									
422	-	1.10											
423	-	1.06											
424	_	1.00											

### MONTEVIDEO (April shipment) (Clean basis)

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	ıρe		Cho	oice
60/64s	-	\$1.0575	60s -	\$1.0550
	-	1.0250	58/60s-	1.0150
58/60s	-	.9850	56/588-	.9925
			56s -	.9650
			50s -	.9310

Carpet Wools - Action continued very slow through the week. Offerings were again generally lower. Buenos Aires March second clip was offered at 81-82¢ while November second clip wools were offered around 83-85¢ clean fibers present. New Zealand carpet fleeces were offered for shipment at 85-86¢ clean fibers present.

#### Woolen wools - Sales as follows:

	Scoured	Pulled Domesti	LC
	12-2"	paint	\$1.15
58/60s		stained	1.12
56/58s	211	ave. color	1.15
56s		white	1.16
46/48s	2-3211	grey	.93

Wool Tops - The wool tops market continued very quiet. Most inquiries concerned second quarter deliveries of medium top. Topmakers reluctant to commit themselves on future deliveries or prices.

Warp Aust. D/C

70s - \$1.88 60s - \$1.71
64s - 1.82 58/60s 1.67
62s - 1.76

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Feb. 11, 1960 (Furnished by the Wool Assoc. of the N. Y. Cotton Exchange)

March wool tops - \$1.49

March wool - 1.175

May wool tops - 1.522

May wool - 1.185

ANNUAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY INVENTORY - JANUARY 1, 1960 (Following summary based on the complete report released by the Crop Reporting Board, AMS, February 12, 1960)

Cattle numbers reached a new high on January 1, 1960. At 101.5 million head numbers were up 5 percent, or 4.9 million head, from a year earlier. Beef cow numbers increased 7 percent and all other classes of beef stock were up from a year earlier. Milk cows two years old and over declined 1 percent to 21.3 million head, the smallest number since 1917. Hog numbers increased 3 percent from January 1, 1959, due to the increase in the 1959 pig crop. Inventories of all sheep and lambs were up 2 percent, while stock sheep numbers increased 3 percent from a year earlier. Horse and mule numbers declined 2 percent during the year. Chicken and turkey inventories each decreased 4 percent, from January 1, 1959. The total inventory value of all livestock and poultry on farms and ranches January 1, 1960 was \$16.2 billion—down 10 percent from a year earlier.

CATTLE: The number of cattle and calves on farms and ranches in the United States increased 5 percent during 1959 and reached a new high on January 1, 1960. The total number on hand was 101,520,000 head-13 percent more than the 1949-58 average and 5 percent higher than the previous record on January 1, 1956. Total cattle and calves increased 9 percent or 8,170,000 head during the two-year period from January 1, 1958 to January 1, 1960, representing an upward movement in the cattle cycle. This 9 percent increase is a little sharper than the first two years' upturn of the last three cattle cycles. It is, however, only a moderate increase when compared with some contiguous two-year periods in the build-up phases of previous cycles. For example, cattle numbers increased 12,158,000 head or 15 percent from January 1, 1951 to January 1, 1953.

All States except Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Delaware, showed an increase in cattle numbers during 1959. The higher inventory in most States resulted mainly from an increase in classes of cattle kept for purposes other than milk production. Cattle on feed January 1, this year in 26 important feeding States, for which comparable data are available, were up 9 percent from the preceding year. An abundance of feed in most areas of the country has been an important factor in the increase in cattle inventories. Cattle and calves kept mainly for beef were up 7 percent from January 1, 1959, and the highest number on record, while cattle and calves kept for milk were up only about one percent.

Commercial slaughter of cattle and calves in 1959 totaled 30,724,500 head, a decline of 7 percent from 1958 and the lowest since 1952. Cattle slaughter declined 603,600 head and calves 1,542,100.

Imports of 695,000 head of live cattle during 1959 from Canada and Mexico were only three-fifths of the number imported in 1958. Imports from Canada were only about half, and from Mexico about three-fourths of what they were in 1958.

HOGS: Hogs and pigs on farms and ranches on January 1, 1960 totaled 58,464,000 head, 3 percent more than a year earlier, 7 percent above the 10-year average, and the largest for the date since 1952. Compared with a year earlier, hog numbers increased in all regions of the country. The largest percentage increases occurred in States outside the Corn Belt, with the largest increase—11 percent—in the South Central States. In the North Central States, which account for about 73 percent of the U. S. total, hog numbers were up only one percent, with increases in some States more than offsetting decreases in others. The two principal States—Iowa and Illinois—showed increases of 1 and 4 percent, respectively. Numbers also were up in Ohio and Missouri, but lower or unchanged in the remaining States in these regions. For the other States, 26 showed increases, 6 remained the same, and 4 showed decreases.

SHEEP: The number of stock sheep and lambs on farms and ranches January 1, 1960 was 29,481,000 head, 3 percent above the 28,497,000 head on January 1, 1959. The number of sheep and lambs on feed for market at 4,140,000 head was 7 percent less than a year earlier. All sheep and lambs, including those on feed for market, totaled 33,621,000 head, a gain of 2 percent from January 1, 1959. All classes of stock sheep increased from a year earlier. Ewe lamb numbers changed from 4,709,000 to 4,801,000 head, an increase of 2 percent. Ewes one year and over increased from 22,041,000 to 22,759,000 head.

GOATS: The number of all goats and kids on farms and ranches in Texas on January 1 at 3,339,000 head was 6 percent more than the 3,150,000 a year earlier. Total inventory value of Texas goats was 29.4 million this January compared with 26.1 million on January 1, 1959. The value per head this January 1 was \$8.80 which is 50 cents per head higher than a year earlier.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: NUMBER ON FARMS JANUARY 1, 1951-60, FOR THE UNITED STATES (Thousand head)

Year	Cattle	:Cows 2 yrs. +: :for milk 1/:	Hogs	Stock sheep	Horses Ch	ickens	Turkeys
1951	82,083	23,568	62,269	27,251	7,036 4	30,988	5,037
1952	88,072	23,060	62,117	27,944		26,555	5,725
1953	94,241	23,549	51,755	27,593	5,403 3	98,158	5,086
1954	95,679	23,896	45,114	27,079	4,791 3	96,776	4,956
1955	96,592	23,462	50,474	27,137	4,309 3	90,708	4,917
1956	96,804	23,213	55,173	27,012	3,928 3	82,846	4,923
1957	94,502	22,916	51,703	26,538	3,574 3	90,137	5,802
1958	93,350	22,233	50,980	27,327	3,354 3	70,884	5,542
1959	96,650	21,488	56,924	28,497	3,142 3	83,529	5,923
1960	101,520	21,331	58,464	29,481	3,089	66,859	5,673
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1/ Included in all cattle.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY, BY CLASSES, UNITED STATES, JANUARY 1

<del>-</del> :	Average 1949-58	1958	1959	1960	1960 as percent of 1959
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Bercent
Cattle and calves	89,612	93,350	96,650	101,520	105
Kept for milk	35,122	33,413	32,735	32,984	101
Cows 2 yrs. and older	23,361	22,233	21,488	21,331	99
Heifers 1 to 2 yrs	5,561	5,297	5,296	5,454	103
Heifer calves	6,200	5,883	5,951	6,199	104
Other cattle	54,490	59,93 <b>7</b>	63,915	68,536	107
Cows 2 yrs. and older	22,061	24,287	25,513	27, 263	107
Heifers 1 to 2 yrs	5,824	6,063	6,820	7,419	109
Calves	16,499	18,491	19,698	21,093	107
Steers 1 yr. and older	8,344	9,448	10,233	11,009	108
Bulls 1 yr. and older	1,762	1,648	1,651	1,752	106
Sheep and lambs	31,167	31,337	32,945	33,621	102
On feed	4,067	4,010	4,448	4,140	93
Stock sheep	27,100	27,327	28,497	29,481	103
Lambs	4,924	4,968	5,389	5,561	103
Ewe	4,082	4,345	4,709	4,801	102
Wether and ram	842	623	680	760	112
l yr. and older	22,177	22,359	23,108	23,920	104
Ewes	21,076	21,326	22,041	22,759	103
Rams	840 262	842 19 <b>1</b>	860 207	899 262	105 127
Wethers	۵۵۸	191	201	٨٥٨	TEI
Hogs and pigs	<b>54,47</b> 8	50,980	56,924	58,464	103
Under 6 months	31,397	32,861	37,712	38,749	103
6 months and older	23,081	18,119	19,212	19,715	103
Sows and gilts	9,039	8,355	9,300	8,237	89
Others	14,042	9,764	9,912	11,478	116
Poultry on farms	405 415	750 OC.	707 H-2	700 ora	00
Chickens	407,448	370,884	383,529	366,859	96
Hens	128,650	127,891	119,549	125,514	105
Pullets	252,742	224,619	244,102	223,838	92
0ther	26,056	18,374	19,878	17,507	88

The January net-into-storage movement of red meats surpassed gains of a year earlier and average. The 52-million pound net gain brought total stocks to 596 million on February 1. Although 3 percent below average, these stocks were 19 percent above those of a year ago. A 6-million pound net decline in beef stocks during January compares with a slight reduction the same month last year and 4 million, the average decline. Warehouse holdings of beef totaled 196 million pounds on February 1. For the date last year, 174 million pounds were in storage. Average holdings are 185 million. A net gain of 45 million pounds in pork stocks during January compares with 34 million a year earlier and 37 million, the average. The 309 million pounds in storage on February 1 were 29 percent larger than stocks held on that date last year, but 11 percent smaller than average holdings. Stocks of frozen picnics of 8.6 million pounds were down about 1 million from January 1, and slightly below holdings on February 1, 1959. Frozen ham holdings doubled during January to total 56 million pounds on February 1--above holdings on the same date last year by 15 million. A net gain of 17 million pounds during January brought holdings of frozen pork bellies to 90 million on February 1. These stocks compare with 55 million pounds in storage on February 1, 1959.

UNITED STATES STORAGE HOLDINGS OF MEATS AND LARD, JAN. 31, 1960 WITH COMPARISONS (Includes holdings in public, private and semi-private cold storage houses and meat packing plants)

Commodity :	January 1955-59 av. 1,000 lb.	1959	December 1959 1,000 lb.	January 1960 1,000 lb.
Beef: Frozen	173,008	159,569	191,103	183,360
	11,855	14,194	11,006	12,538
	184,863	173,763	202,109	195,718
Pork, frozen: Picnics	$\frac{1}{1}$ / $\frac{1}{1}$ / 270,121	8,896 40,996 54,762 80,052 184,706	9,337 28,468 73,023 108,536 219,364	8,559 56,361 89,700 107,599 262,219
Pork in cure or cured:  Dry salt bellies Other dry salt pork  Other pork cuts  Total	1/	12,329	10,327	9,659
	1/	8,464	6,949	7,085
	1/	34,990	27,640	30,526
	76,521	55,783	44,916	47,270
	346,642	240,489	264,280	309,489
Other meats and meat products:  Veal, frozen	16,583 8,784 57,780 614,652 123,858	15,704 10,118 58,581 498,655 109,100	9,960 14,794 52,544 543,687 123,700	9,429 13,988 67,033 595,657
GOVERNMENT HOLDINGS 3/- Pork	7,796	5,423	2,110	1,822
	10,612	2,076	1,652	1,951

l/Not reported separately prior to 1957. 2/In dry and cold storage as reported by Bureau of Census. 3/Government holdings are included in the totals and consist of reported stocks held by U.S.D.A., the Armed Services and other Government agencies. 4/Not available.

## MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS PREPARED AND PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

	Week ended -											
Product	Jan. 9 1960	:	Jan. 16 1960	Jan. 23 1960	Jan. 30 1960							
	1,000#		1,000#	1,000#	1,000#							
Placed in cure -  Beef 1/  Pork 1/  Other 1/  Smoked and / or dried -	3,080 74,107 39		3,883 77,278 34	3,366 70,676 65	3,261 65,530 186							
Beef 1/	900		9 <b>77</b>	860	946							
Pork $\overline{\underline{1}}/\ldots$	52,576		56,217	53,587	47,907							
Cooked meat -												
Beef	1,917 4,937		1,943 5,150	1,862	1,844							
Pork	55		41	4,995 127	4,627 127							
Sausage -												
Fresh finished	6,618		7,117	6,505	6,017							
To be dried or semi-dried	2,434		2,604	2,743	2,793							
Franks, wieners	12,696		13,465	12,067	11,437							
Other, smoked or cooked .	12,786		13,763	12,872	11,907							
Loaf, head cheese, chili, jellied products	4,032		3,873	3,892	3,532							
Steaks, chops, roasts	11,250		13,108	12,422	13,021							
Meat extract	14		18	133	32							
Sliced bacon 1/	24,357		25,642	23,071	20,393							
Sliced, other $1/2/$	5,307		5,594	5,475	5,263							
Hamburger	4,830		5,518	4,601	4,291 4,675							
Miscellaneous meat product.  Lard, rendered	3,732 52,381		4,016 53,945	4,297 48,473	45,831							
Lard, refined	40,348		43,438	36,112	32,818							
Oleo stock	1,805		1,774	1,547	1,405							
Edible tallow	6,941		7,168	7,189	6,886							
Rendered pork fat -												
Rendered	1,933		2,022	1,833	1,797							
Refined	1,154		1,441	1,707	931							
Compound containing animal fa	•		16,753	15,063	15,062							
Oleomargarine " " "	2,873		3,000	3,403	3,073							
Canned product (for civilian use and Dept. of Defense).	51,947		54,072	56,205	56,774							
Total 1/	399,767		423,852	395,149	372,369							

<sup>1/</sup> This figure represents "inspection pounds" as some of the products may have been inspected and recorded more than once due to having been subjected to more than one distict processing treatment, such as curing first, then smoking, slicing.

2/ Includes sliced dried beef, sliced sausage, loaves, etc. Meat Inspection Branch, Agricultural Research Service.

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS PREPARED AND PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - CONTINUED

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Note: See footnote at bottom of page 138.



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LIVESTOCK PRICES AT CHICAGO COMPARED WITH WHOLESALE AND COMPOSITE RETAIL MEAT PRICES AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL MEAT VALUES AT NEW YORK Steers Lambs : Hogs : Jan. : Dec. : Jan. : Jan. : Dec. : Jan. : Jan. : Dec. : Jan. : 1960 : 1959 : 1959 : 1960 : 1959 : 1959 : 1960 : 1959 : 1959 Dollars per 100 pounds Live animal prices Chicago 1/. . . . . 27.32 26.50 29.61: 19.90 17.84 19.35: 12.61 11.97 17.08 Wholesale meat prices, New York 2/ . . . . 46.34 46.19 47.88: 42.16 40.30 43.28: Cents per pound Composite retail meat prices, New York 3/ 77.04 77.57 79.36 63.92 64.88 66.20 Value of carcass meat from 100# live animal (Dollars) Wholesale-New York 4/ 27.80 27.71 28.73 20.66 19.75 21.21 17.45 17.52 Retail - New York 5/ 36.21 36.46 37.30 30.17 30.62 31.25 24.24 24.04 1/ Av. Choice and Prime steers, 900-1100 lb., Choice lambs, and U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3,

220-240# hogs. 2/ Av. Choice and Prime steer beef, 600-800 lb., and Choice and Prime lamb. 3/ Composite av. of semi-monthly retail quotations on various cuts (incl. lard) combined in proportion to their respective yields from live weight. 4/60 lb. of beef carcass, 49 lb. of lamb carcass and 60.43 lb. of principal hog products consisting of smoked, skinned hams, bacon, picnics, fresh loins, Boston butts, spareribs, and carton lard combined in proportion to their respective yields from live weight. 5/47.0 lb. of beef cuts, 47.2 lb. of lamb cuts and 58.56 lb. of principal hog products, incl. lard.